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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the first office action, please amend the instant application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the attached amended paragraphs of pages 1, 4, 6, 7 for the corresponding paragraphs of the literal translation.

Please substitute the attached Abstract of the Disclosure for the Abstract of the literal translation.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 1 through 21 of the literal translation are cancelled.

Please add the attached new claims 22 to 47 to the specification.